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INTERVIEW SUMMARY, AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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This paper responds to a final Office Action, mailed October 18, 2004. Thus, this response is timely. The interview summary is submitted pursuant to 37 CFR 1.133. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

### **INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

On January 10, 2005, Examiner Swartz and Applicant's representative Lauren Sliger had a telephonic interview and discussed the rejections and scope of the pending claims. The Examiner made several suggestions about the wording of claims 46-49 with respect to clarifying which portions of the epitope bind to an antibody. Those suggestions have been incorporated into the pending claims.